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There have been 13 new cases of smallpox in the city during the past two weeks.

Respectfully,
 J. B. EAGLESON,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.
 Asst. Surg. M. H. FOSTER,
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Port Townsend, Wash.

Transactions of the U. S. S. Bratton on the west coast of Florida.

U. S. S. W. D. BRATTON,
Port Tampa, Fla., August 11, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to submit the following report of transactions of the U. S. S. W. D. *Bratton* for the week ended August 11, 1900:

The *Bratton* left Port Tampa at 5 a. m. on the 6th instant and proceeded to Tampa, where I reported to Surgeon White for instructions relative to assisting in the maintenance of quarantine. In compliance with his instructions the *Bratton* lay to off the south of Hillsboro River and intercepted all craft coming in and out of the river. In several instances I was forced to use guns in order to stop small sail craft going out over the bars in water so shoal that it was impossible for the *Bratton* to follow them. In all of these cases every effort was made to stop them by signaling, and when it became apparent that no attention was being paid to these signals and that unless some positive action was taken the vessel would pass, I resorted to the guns; in each case I myself fired a shot across their bows from 30 to 50 feet in advance of them, and invariably they immediately came to and awaited for inspection.

This work was continued until the 10th instant when shortness of coal and supplies compelled me to return to Port Tampa. When I arrived there the engines of the *Bratton* were in such condition that I did not deem it advisable to run the vessel until necessary repairs could be made, and as the engineer has fully demonstrated his inability to do this work, I wired the Bureau of vessel's condition.

As soon as Engineer Gibson arrives I will make report as to the *Bratton's* condition and of work necessary to put her in good condition again.

Respectfully,
 G. M. CORPUT,
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S., In Command.

Arrival at Baltimore of vessels from West Indian and South American ports.

BALTIMORE, MD., August 18, 1900.

SIR: The following-named vessels entered at this port from West Indian and South American ports during the week ended August 18, 1900: August 13, British steamship *Taff*, from Banos, Cuba, fruit; British steamship *Saint Oswald*, from Daiquiri, Cuba, iron ore. August 14, British steamship *Oxus*, from Port Antonio, Jamaica, fruit. August 15, Norwegian steamship *Bergenseren*, from Kingston, Jamaica, fruit. August 16, British steamship *Brookline*, from Bocas del Toro, Colombia, fruit. August 18, Norwegian steamship *Blaamanden*, from Caleta Buena, Chile, nitrate of soda.

Respectfully,
 WM. F. STONE,
Collector.